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SUBJ: NEPALESE CONCERNOVER NAXALITE PROBLEM GROWS

1. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF THE  
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT  
REPORTS THAT INDIA HAD RELEASED SOME 5000 NAXALITES  
HELD UNDER M.I.S.A. AND WAS CONTEMPLATING THE RELEASE  
OF SEVERALTHOUSAND MORE. THE IGP SAID THAT HE HAD  
TALKED WITH THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR WHO HAD  
AGREED TO FURNISH HIM NAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THOSE  
RELEASED TO ASSIST POLICE IN INTERCEPTING ANY  
WHO ATTEMPT TO INFILTRATE INTO NEPAL.

2. THE NAXALITE PROBLEM WAS HIGHLIGHTED RECENTLY  
BY A DARING EXCAPE OF 15 PRO-MAOIST NAXALITES FROM A  
PATAN JAIL NEAR KATHMANDU. TO DATE ONLYSIX HAVE BEEN  
APPREHENDED BY POLICE IN A NATIONWIDE SEARCH.  
ACCORDING TO THE IGP SEVERAL OF THE ESCAPED PRISONERS  
WERE "IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE MAOIST CONSPIRACY."

3. ALTHOUGH THE GROUP IS CENTERED NEAR  
NAXALBARI IN INDIA, MANY IN NEPAL WHERE THEY HAVE RECEIVED  
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CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FROM LANDLESS PEASANTS. JHAPA  
AND NEIGHBORING IIAM DISTRICTS ARE CONSIDERED PERENNIAL  
TROUBLE SPOTS BY HMG WHICH HAS HAD DIFFICULTY IN  
ERADICATING THE MOVEMENT. IN 1976 JOINT RAIDS BY  
INDIANAND NEPALESE POLICE, THE FIRST IN OUR MEMORY,  
REPORTEDLY FAILED IN ROUNDING UP INSURGENTS WHO EASILY  
FLED INTO THE JUNGLE. SINCE THAT TIME HOWEVER, THE

NAXALITES HAVE BEEN QUIET AND HAVE NOT ATTACKED POLICE POSTS AS THEY DID IN THE EARLY 1970'S. ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE TAKEN ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE OVERTHROW OF MADAME GANDHI AND ARE REGROUPING IN THE EASTERN TERAIN. ONE EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTS THAT THEY WILL WAIT TILL JUNE WHEN POLICE MOBILITY IS REDUCED BY MONSOON RAINS.

4. NAXALITES ELEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE THAN AN IRRITANT TO GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THE EAST, PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THE DECISION BY THE NEPALI CONGRESS PARTY TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS. THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, IS NOW CONCERNED THAT THE LEFT WING OF THE CONGRESS, DISILLUISIONED BY THEIR FAILURE TO SPARK REBELLION IN OKJALADJUNGA, MAY USE THE NAXALITES AS A VEHICLE TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES ALONG THE BORDER. THEY ARE CLEARLY WORRIED THAT THE INDIAN POLICE MAY TURN BLIND EYE TO CROSS BORDER RAIDS.

5. PEASANTS IN THE EAST HAVE LONG HARBORED GRUDGES AGAINST THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN KATHMANDU, CHARGING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CHEATED IN LAND REFORM AND TAX COLLECTION, PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO COME FROM DIFFERENNT CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.

6. THE GOVERNMENT, IN OUR JUDGEMENT, HAS THE CAPABILITY TO CONTAIN THE PROBLEM IN A FEW AREAS OF

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THE TERAI, BUT COMING ON THE HEELS OF CRITICISM OF THE AUTHORIZATION ELECTORAL PROCESS, THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING NO CHANCES AND WILL PROBABLY BEEF UP SECURITY FORCES IN THE REGION.  
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